## Quick Reference Guide FAQs 2007-2008 School Year Indiana State Department of Health School Immunization Requirements & Recommendations

- 1. What do the shaded areas on the Quick Reference Guide represent?
  - A. The shaded areas represent those grade levels for which schools must report immunization data.
- Do schools need to report immunization data for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Hepatitis B and Varicella immunizations?
   A. No.
- 3. Is there a deadline for reporting school immunization data?
  - A. Yes, the deadline for reporting school immunization data is November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4. Are all grades required to have Hepatitis B and Varicella for the current school year?
  - A. No, according to IC 20-34-4-2(b) states that students enrolled in kindergarten or grade 1 shall be immunized against hepatitis B and chicken pox (Varicella).
- 5. Why does the Quick Reference Guide indicate immunizations for all grades if we only need to report kindergarten, first, and sixth grades?
  - A. The Quick Reference Guide indicates required immunizations for kindergarten and first grade enrollments (IC 20-34-4-2) and ACIP recommendations are included to ensure student records contain up to date immunizations for all grade levels.
- 6. Does the Indiana State Department of Health determine if a child is excluded from school?
  - A. No, school exclusion is determined by the school according to IC 20-34-4-5.
- 7. Are students enrolled in grades 9 and 12 be prevented from attending school if they do not have the Hepatitis B vaccine?
  - A. No. According to IC 20-34-4-7 each student who enters grade 9 or grade 12 shall be immunized against hepatitis B. However, a student may not be prevented from enrolling in, attending, or graduating from high school for the sole reason that the student has not been immunized under this section.
- 8. Are high schools required to notify each parent of a student enrolled in grade 9 of the hepatitis B requirement in the 2007-2008 school year?
  - A. High schools are not required to notify the parents of students enrolled in grade 9 of the hepatitis B requirement according to IC 2-034-4-7(c) . However, high schools are required to notify each parent of a student enrolled in 12<sup>th</sup> grade of the hepatitis B requirement in the 2007-2008 school year.
- 9. What information must be included on the physician's statement to document immunization?
  - A. The statement must include the student's date of birth and the date of each immunization.
- 10. What immunization education materials must be provided to the parents of enrolled students?
  A. Meningococcal disease all grades, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Infection 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls, Hepatitis B Vaccine 12<sup>th</sup> grade